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REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 8 and 10-12 are canceled without prejudice.

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are respectfully requested. All non-allowed claims have been canceled herewith. This should obviate all remaining rejections in the case. Claims 7 and 9, which remain in the case, have already been indicated as allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, therefore, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

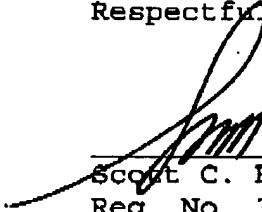
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Please apply  
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Respectfully submitted,

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